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In re application of:

KROCHTA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/879,794

Filed: June 11, 2001

For: METHODS OF REDUCING
FRIABILITY OF CEREAL PRODUCTS,
POTATO CHIPS, AND FREEZE-DRIED
FOODS, OF INCREASING BOWL LIFE
OF CEREAL PRODUCTS, AND OF
DELAYING RANCIDITY OF NUTS

Examiner: Paden, Carolyn A.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1761

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2003 (the "Action"), please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fees accompany this amendment.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 9, as follows: